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RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 1724

In re Application of

Atty. Docket

GODWIN D. ZWNENBURG

PHN 17,665

Serial No.: 09/678,457

Group Art Unit: 1724

Filed: OCTOBER 3, 2000

Examiner: I CINTINS

Title: DEVICE FOR REGENERATING AN ION EXCHANGE CARTRIDGE

Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

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RULE 116 AMENDMENT

Sir:

Responsive to then Final Office Action dated December 18, 2001, please amend the above-identified case under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1. 116 as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Amend the claims as follows:

9. (Twice Amended) A device for regenerating an ion exchange cartridge (16), which cartridge (16) is provided with an inlet (20) and an outlet (21), characterized in that the device is provided with a reservoir (2) for the accommodation of a solution (26) in which alkali metal ions and chloride ions are present, said reservoir (2) provided with an outlet (10) to which the inlet (20) of the